

Assisted Living Facilities
Life Safety Code Checklist for Alzheimer's Certification – 40 TAC §92.53

Facility Name		Facility ID No.		Inspection Exit Date
Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Telephone No. with Area Code ()

The items on the following checklist represent 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 92, the "Licensing Standards for Assisted Living Facilities." Violations of licensure standards are identified on the appropriate checklist by the requirements checked "Not Met." When violations are cited, a copy of the appropriate checklist is left with the facility at the exit conference. If additional violations are cited after the initial exit conference, an additional exit conference will be conducted, usually by telephone, regarding the newly identified violations, with specific reference to the standard violated. Other violations in areas not checked may still be pending from previous inspections and are not reflected on this current report.

NOTE: This checklist contains a brief description of the requirements. Please refer to the licensure standards for a complete description of the requirements.

40 TAC Chapter 92	Assisted Living Facilities Life Safety Code Checklist for Alzheimer's Certification – 40 TAC §92.53	Not
Subchapter C. Standards For Licensure		
§92.53	Standards For Certified Alzheimer's Assisted Living Facilities	
(h)	Physical Plant. Alzheimer's units, if segregated from other parts of the Type B facility with approved security devices, must meet the following requirements within the Alzheimer's unit.	
(h)(1)	Resident living area(s) must be in compliance with §92.62(m)(3).	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(2)	Resident dining area(s) must be in compliance with §92.62(m)(4).	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(3)	Resident toilet and bathing facilities must be in compliance with §92.62(m)(2).	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(4)	A monitoring station must be provided within the Alzheimer's unit with a writing surface such as a desk or counter, task illumination, telephone or intercom, and lockable storage for resident records.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(5)	Access to at least two exits remote from each other must be provided in order to meet the Life Safety Code requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(6)	In large facilities, cross-corridor control doors, if used for the security of the residents, must be similar to smoke doors, which are each 34 inches in width and swing in opposite directions. A latch or fastening device on a door must be provided with a knob, handle, panic bar, or other simple type of releasing device.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(h)(7)	An outdoor area of at least 800 square feet must be provided in at least one contiguous space. This area must be connected to, be a part of, be controlled by and be directly accessible from the facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(A)	Such areas must have walls or fencing that do not allow climbing or present a hazard and meet the following requirements. These minimum dimensions do not apply to additional fencing erected along property lines or building setback lines for privacy or to meet the requirements of local building authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(A)(i)	Minimum distance of enclosure fence from the building is eight feet if the fence is parallel to the building and there are no window openings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(A)(ii)	Minimum distance of the enclosure fence (parallel with building walls) from bedroom windows is 20 feet if the fencing is solid and 15 feet from bedroom windows if the fencing is open; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(A)(iii)	For unusual or unique site conditions, areas of enclosure may have alternate configurations with DADS approval.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(B)	Access to at least two approved exits remote from each other must be provided from the enclosed area in order to meet the Life Safety Code requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(C)	If the enclosed area involves a required exit from the building, the following additional requirements must be met:	
(h)(7)(C)(i)	A minimum of two gates must be remotely located from each other if only one exit is enclosed. If two or more exits are enclosed by the fencing and entry access can be made at each door, a minimum of one gate is required.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(C)(ii)	The gate(s) must be located to provide a continuous path of travel from the building exit to a public way, including walkways of concrete, asphalt, or other approved materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(C)(iii)	If gate(s) are locked, the gate nearest the exit from the building must be locked with an electronic lock that operates the same as the electronic locks on control doors and/or exit doors and is in compliance with the National Electrical Code for exterior exposure. Additional gates may also have electronic locks or may be keyed provided staff carries the keys. All gates may have keyed locks, provided all staff carry the keys, and the outdoor area has an area of refuge which:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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§92.53	Standards For Certified Alzheimer's Assisted Living Facilities	
(h)	Physical Plant. Alzheimer's units, if segregated from other parts of the Type B facility with approved security devices, must meet the following requirements within the Alzheimer's unit – continued	
(h)(7)	An outdoor area of at least 800 square feet must be provided in at least one continuous space. This area must be connected to . . . – continued	
(h)(7)(C)	If the enclosed area involves a required exit from the building, the following additional requirements must be met: – continued	
(h)(7)(C)(iii)(I)	Extends beyond a minimum of 30 feet from the building; and	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(7)(C)(iii)(II)	The area of refuge allows at least 15 square feet per person (resident, staff, visitor) potentially present at the time of a fire.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)	Locking devices may be used on the control doors provided the following criteria are met:	
(h)(8)(A)	The building must have an approved sprinkler system and an approved fire alarm system to meet the licensing standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)(B)	The locking devices must be electronic and must be released when any one of the following occurs:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)(B)(i)	Activation of the fire alarm or sprinkler system;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)(B)(ii)	Power failure to the facility; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)(B)(iii)	Activation of a switch or button located at the monitoring station and at the main station.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(8)(C)	A keypad or buttons may be located at the control doors for routine use by the staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(h)(9)	Locking devices may be used on the exit doors provided:	
(h)(9)(A)	The locking arrangements meet §5-2.1.6 of the Life Safety Code; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)	The following criteria are met:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(i)	The building must have an approved sprinkler system and an approved fire alarm system to meet the licensing standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(ii)	The locking devices must be electro-magnetic – no type of throw-bolt is to be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(iii)	The device must release when the following occurs:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(iii)(I)	Activation of the fire alarm or sprinkler system;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(iii)(II)	Power failure to the facility; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(iii)(III)	Activation of a switch or button at the monitoring station and at the main staff station.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(iv)	A keypad or buttons may be located at the control door for routine use by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(v)	A manual fire alarm pull must be located within five feet of each exit door with a sign stating "Pull to release door in an emergency."	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)(9)(B)(vi)	Staff must be trained in the methods of releasing the door device.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature of Inspection Team Member

Date